chance. In this emergency we are sur-the campaign opens. The correspondents fall under the spell of Sylvia's charm, and on the night of Grayson's great speech, when the latter returns to the box which holds his wife and niece. Sylvia, in "Uncle James," said Sylvia Morgan her enthusiasm and pride, throws her arms about sweetly, "I trust that you will rememb-Grayson's neck and kisses him. Harley's frowp of throughout the campaign that the eye disapproval is observed by Sylvia. On the following morning Harley is dismayed to find the incident accordingly. I have noticed that in man glaringly illustrated in the sellow journals, and of your speeches you seemed to be unco-Sylvia named as "Grayson's Egria; the beautiful sclous of the fact that Vienna and Syoung girl who furnishes Western fire for his Petersburg were watching you. Such be-

the shadow of Goodnight, Crayon, and deness their kind. Part of these men had gone quiet Mr. Crayon still watching from a high box at Detroit, and he knew that no act or word of the candidate would escape the scrutiny of this powerful faction within the party.

Ample proof of his conclusion if it were

tion within the party.

Ample proof of his conclusion, if it were Ample proof of his conclusion, if it were needed, came the next morning in a copy of the New York Monitor, Churchill's but he and she were together in the paragraph which contained on its front page. paper, which contained on its front page for an hour later, when they met Churchill

resolved that his hearers should not lose therefore, he was able throughout the article to make his meaning clear. He stated that among those surrounding the candidate—he could give names if he would, but it was not necessary-there was a certain feeling that Mr. Grayson was not quite-at least not yet-as large as the position for which he had been in him a predisposition to rashness; he

great vested interests. Uncle James, how could you be so lacking in reverence?" exclaimed Sylvia Mr. Gravson merely smiled

'But some of the ablest minds in the country are closely watching Mr. Graycontinued the article, " 'and where ceive it. There are certain issues not em bodied in the platform from which he 'Now, I think that is too much!" ex-

claimed Mrs. Grayson, the indignant red "Their printing it does not makes it

true, Anna," said the candidate, mildly, "As if you did not know enough to run your own campaign!" exclaimed the in-But Jimmy Grayson continued to smile.

'We must expect this sort of thing." he said; "it would be a dull campaign without it. Please go on, Mr. Hobart." A number of eminent citizens, the article continued, would make a temporary sacrifice of their great business

interests for the sake of the campaign and the people, and with their restraining care it was not likely that Mr. Grayson could go far wrong, as he seemed to be an amiable man, amenable to advice. Thus it continued at much length, and Harley, keen and experienced in such had drawn his inspiration.

this warning," said Hobart, who was un-"I should think that the dispatch was

enough," said Mrs. Grayson, whose in-'But it isn't, Mrs. Grayson," sald "at least, the editor of the Monitor does not think so. Listen. The campaign in behalf of our party

has begun in the West, and we have felt the need of thoroughly reliable news sationalism and levity which we are sorry to say so often disgrace our American newspapers, and make them compare un favorably with the graver and statelier columns of the English press."
"He is an Englishman himself," said

Harley-"American opinion through an

English channel. Even Jimmy Grayson laughed. 'and we are able to present it to-day to those earnest and sincere people, the cultivated minority who really count, and ple. A trusted correspondent of ours, ju- lames, as I told you, is always willing dicions, impartial, absolutely devoid of has obtained from sources with which common journalistic circles are never in touch—'" How the bird befouls its own nest!"

said the elderly Tremaine. '-Information that will throw much light upon a campaign a d a candidate both obscure hitherto. This we presen upon another page, and, as our cultivated readers will readily infer, the candidate. Mr. Grayson, is not a bad man-

Thanks for that crowning mercy,' said A.r. Grayson. -but neither is he a great one; in short,

SYNOPSIS PRECEDING CHAPTERS, and provincial; moreover, he is of an im- surprised at her skill. She did not seem of a varional convention, is nominated for the Presidency. Young Barley, the correspondent of the Christophen who has not shown blueself in the fact that Mr. but a woman of variable moods, and all dency. Young Barley, the correspondent of the Christophen who has not shown blueself in the fact that Mr. to their Western home, and meets Grayson's niece, will rely on the advice of those who and graces that he was wont to assotoo Western product. The two are mutually attracted, though they are critical of each other, sure to surround him if he gives them a

at first had been for the campaign itself and ignorant person who needs restraint." to see if they were masking their fire, sighed. She and Mrs. Grayson were car was nearly empty. Among the pasrather than its result, began to have a He spoke the last sentence in such a but no attack came either then or later. feeling that after all Grayson might be elected—at least he had a fighting chance, smile that they were all forced to laugh, campaign deepened and popular interest women, no matter, how nearly related, which might be more if it were not for the shedow of Goodnight Grayon and the change of the change o

"I was sure that you would return such back, among them the large and important an answer. Uncle James," said Sylvis Out of the vast turmoil quickly emerged thusiasm, the murmur, then the cheers with the green pompon, "and I've done tant Mr. Goodnight; but Harley saw the Morgan, and the look that she gave him James Grayson as the most picturesque of thousands of voices, the flight on swift it."

and his manner became haughty in the presence of Sylvia Morgan and Harley. answer. He found that his feeling to-"We-that is, all of us-have just been reading your dispatch in the Monitor," by, the elements in her character, which she said, in a most winning tone, "and at first seemed to him masculine and for-in behalf of Uncle James I want to ward, were now much medified and soft-

James to learn, and, coming out of the depths of the West, he knows that he needs help. And how beautifully you deemed to be the truth would have in it write, Mr. Churchill! It was all put so a sting for her. But her clear eyes indelicately that no one could possibly stantly read his hesitation.

It was impossible to resist her manner, the honey of her words, and Churchill, who felt that she was but giving credit where credit was due, became "I do think they are against him now." ing credit where credit was due, became

"De you really like it, Miss Morgan?" he asked, and he permitted himself a

"Oh, yes," she replied, "and I noticed that the Monitor alone contained an article of this character, all about those big men who are watching over Uncle James, and will not let him go wrong. That is what you correspondents call a Churchill gave Harley a glance of

triumph, but he replied, gravely: "I believe it is what we call a beat, Miss Morgan,"

"And you will continue to help us in the same way, won't you Mr. Churchill?" she continued. "You know who those great men are; Mr. Harley, here, I am sure does not, nor does Mr. Blaisdell nor Mr. Hobart; you alone, as the Monitor says, can come into touch with such important circles, and you will warn us again and again in the columns of the Monitor when we are about to get into the wrong path. Oh, it would be a great service, and I know that Uncle James would appreciate it! You will be with us throughout the campaign, and you will us throughout the campaign, and you will us throughout the campaign and you will us throughout the campaign and you will use throughout the campaign. have the chance! Now, promise me, Churchill, that you win do it."

Her manner had become most appealng, and her face was slightly flushed. thought, then, what a woman this mountain maid would make, and his second and a flush crept into her cheeks. Then that "King" Plummer should continue to she shook herself in a sudden little whirl

beauty and her biandishments. He felt he said: suddenly that for her sake he could over- My Deare look some of Mr. Grayson's faults, or at two hours, and, I tell you, the sight of idaho is least seek to amend them. It was not hard to make a promise to a pair of were here with me, as you soon will be all the time, little good. lovely eyes that craved his help.

"Well, Miss Morgan," he said, gracious-'At last we have obtained this infor- my best. You know I am not really hoscontinued Hobart, reading, tile to Mr. Grayson. The Monitor and I are of his party, and we shall certainly support him as long as he will let us." "You are so kind!" she said. who constitute the leaven in the mass seen so much of the world, Mr. Churchill, that you can help us greatly.

> to learn, and he will keep a sharp watch on the Monitor."
> "The Monitor, as I need not tell you," suid Churchill, "is the chief organ in New York of good government, and it is never frivolous or inconsequential. I had hoped that what I sent from Milwaukee

would have its effect, and I am glad to see, Miss Morgan, that it has.' Churchill now permitted himself a smile longer and more complacent, and Harley felt a slight touch of pity that any man should be blinded thus by conceit. And Sylvia did not spare him; by alternate flattery and appeal she drew him old daddy." she murmured. Somehow,

ion and a memory of his own superiority. but he felt himself willing to comply with her request, particularly because it in-

sked Harley, when Churchill had gone. "What do you mean by 'that way?" she asked, and her chin took on a saucy

Harley saw that wherever he might be had become one of the group, and now there the fight would be thickest. The correspondent's intuition had been right; he had come from a war on the other side. There was a step beside her, and Mrs. "Well, it is a great deal simpler if you

thank you, Mr. Churchill."

Churchill looked surprised but doubtthe mountains, alone among her dead, ful, and did not abate the stiffness of his attitude nor the severity of his gaze. "We do feel grateful to you," she con-tinued, in the same winning tone. "There was never a man more willing than Uncle softness, a real pity for those misty days which she herself had almost forgotten.

"You need not be afraid to tell me your although they may not be so later, replied he, equivocating with himself one can easily deceive one's self; in a ation of eighty or ninety millions ever min rity can surround a candidate with

paigner ever nominated for the Presidency," she said, "and we shall yet win." Harley said nothing in reply, gladly noticed her refusal to be discouraged, like other people having an admiration for courage and spirit. In fact, it seemed to him that she had a cheer-

fulness somewhat beyond the occasion.

Three days later-they were in Pitts burg then-she received a letter addressed in a strong, heavy hand, her name being spelled in large letters. Sylvia Morgan was alone in the hotel parler when it was brought to her, and a strange shadow, or rather, the shadow of a shadow, came her fingers and looked at the Idaho postmark in the corner. She knew the hand writing well, and she knew that it was a true index to the character of its author-rough, strong, and large. That handwriting could not lie, neither could he She continued to hesitate, with the letter in her hand; it was the first time that It was not the first time that Harley and she felt that she was disloyal. She realized how handsome she was, and how heard a voice in the other parlor-the winning she could be. It was his first wide doors between were open; it was the voice of Harley speaking to her uncle look upon her as his daughter—she was of anger, and abruptly opened the letter too young to be his wife. Nor was Churchill proof against her longer letter than he usually wrote, and

My Dearest Little Sylvia: I have been here just

She paused a moment, looking away, and the shadow of the shadow came ack to her face. Then she murmured: 'He is the best man in the world," and resclutely went on: The more I see of the other States the better I like

Idaho, and I like next best those that are most the it. Every peak out here nodded a welcome to me as I came in on the train. I've known them all for thirty years. I was a little afraid of them at irist, they were so tall and solemn with their white rests, but we are old friends now—I'il have a w...te

rest myself before long and I'm fairly tall now, bough perhaps I'll never be solemn. And I drew women departed, but they settled down

Sylvia smiled, and for a moment there was a little mo sture in her eyes. "Good himself. he is, at least for the present, narrow further into the toils, and Harley was the pet name "daddy" seemed just to stirred to mighty enthusiasm, and their

"He thinks he's joking, but I believe he a delicate and thoughtful mind. Harley wrote several times

intensity of interests, and never before had enjoyed this life, which was almost had the personal factor been so strong, the life of a soldier—the crowds, the enfigure that ever appeared upon the stage of national politics in America. His powerful oratory, his daring, and his magnetic personality drew the eyes of all, and youth about her. She had affiliated, she how you managed," cried the others.

"Oh, how did you do it? Please tell us how you managed," cried the others.

"And may I hear, too?" begged a third

the letters of "King" Plummer had been it will average about 11 cents a day for read by all the Graysons as a matter of breakfast. course, just as one shares interesting "For lunch you could have a couple of

news.

"He is a good man, and he will be a good husband," said Mrs. Grayson. She was for the moment ruthless with a purpose, and when she said the word, although affecting and to watch she said. pose, and when she said the word, although affecting not to watch, she saw and it has to be a good hot one if you are

Sylvia Morgan, softly. said Mrs. Grayson, quietly,

and shortly before their departure Harley her departure-they had become franker

"I do not see why women cannot go through a political campaign from beginning to end," she said; "I'm sure we help Uncle James, and there will be, too, so many interesting things to see. It be like a war without the wounds and death. I don't want to miss any and the mirror.

"I half agree with you," said Harley, smiling, "and I know that it would be a great deal nicer for the rest of us if you hat. and Mrs. Grayson could go along. paused, and he had a sudden bold

"If anything specially interesting happens that the newspapers don't tell about, will you let me write you an account of t?" he asked. "I should really like to

flushed ever so little, but she was of the free-and-open West, and Harley always gave her the impression of cour teous strength-he would take no liber-

"You can write," she said, briefly, and hen she immediately regretted her de cision. It was the thought of "King" Plummer that made her regret it, but he had too much pride to change it now. Harley was at the train with Mr. Gray when she and Mrs. Grayson left and Sylvia found that he had seen to everything connected with their journey. Without making any noise, and without Howell's heroes are well enough; appearing to work much, he accomplished good deal. She had an impulse once she gave him a good-by that was neither cool nor warm, just sufficiently conventional to leave no interference whatever. But when the train was gone, and Mr. Grayson and he were riding back in the Wister's cowboys are slightly tough: cab to the hotel, the candidate spoke of

She's a good girl, Harley," he saidhe and Harley had grown to be such triends that he now dropped the "Mr. when he spoke directly to the correspondent. "She's real, as true as steel. He spoke with emphasis, but Harley

said nothing. The group seemed to lose much of its though perhaps I'll never be solemn. And I drew a deep breath and a long breath, the first one in days, the moment I crossed the Idaho line. The East sits rather heavy on me, the called Chicago the East), and my eyes get tired with so, many people pussing before them. Now, I'm not running down the East, which is all right in its own way, but I am giad we have so much mountain and unwatered plain out here, because then the people can never get so thick that they tread on you; not that they mean to do it, but crowds shove just because they can't help it.

women departed, but they settled down to work, the most intense and exacting that Harley had ever known. All the great qualities of the candidate came out; he seemed to be made of iron, and on the Sach transparence his make-up one in the audience was ready with a fire in the audience was ready with a troublesome question, he was equally ready with an apt reply; nor could they disturb his good humor; and his smiling that sleeps not ever nor even iron. to work, the most intense and exacting that Harley had ever known. All the great qualities of the candidate came out; he seemed to be made of iron, and on the Such transparence his make up shames; stump he was without an equal; if any Cards and spades he can give the Sphins irony!-the rash fool who sought to deride. That sleeps not ever, nor even winks, him always found the laugh turned upon

Throughout the East the party was

THE CANDIDATE

A Political Romance

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SYNOPHS PRECEDING CHAPTERS, and and another control of the wind and another control of the wind and the wind the wind and the wind the wi Then the resolute little frown antagonists, who had thought the eleccame over her face again and she went on. tion a foregone conclusion, were roused

bound for the Bronx. "But a girl can't live on fifty ants a

day for food-not in New York," he girl "But I say she can," rejoined the one

"For how long?" asked the red hat,

he had come from a war on the other side of the world to enter another greater Grayson, the quiet, the tactful, and the like doll mattresses," began the green

made no offer to show the letter. Hitherto butter, and 15 cents a week for fruit, and

the girl flinch-ever so little, but still she going to live a year on 50 cents a day. be regretted. Popular sentiment in France nouncement by the Austrian government "The best man in the world," repeated and all the sweet things that taste good. And yet there are other good men," you hate yourself. You have to think up you hate yourself. You have to think up it could for its ally without involving it-"One good all the things that make good bone and man does not exclude the existence of an- muscle. Spinach is fine.

"You will have to invest a little money Sylvia looked up at her, but she failed to start with at the 5 and 10 cent store Sylvia looked up at her, but she taned to start with at the sain is cent stored to take her meaning. Her quiet aunt sometimes spoke in parables, and waited for events to disclose her meaning.

Mrs. Grayson and Miss Morgan were Mrs. Grayson and Mrs. Grayson and

came to tell them a temporary good-by.

"Room rent—for half a room, of course—
sylvia and he chanced to be alone for a can be had for \$1.50, if you don't mind ing the struggle, and above all the reluclittle while, and she genuinely lamented stairs or neighborhood. And, of course, tance of the French money market to be considered as even still more defunct they had become french to be considered as even still more defunct. you can't mind, at least until your salary float any more Muscovite loans, contrastcents a week.

> out, too, and that is hard to do if you dry your handkerchiefs on the window pane fore its final dissolution will be proclaim-"That makes \$5.50 a week, not counting new grouping of the powers. soap and postage stamps,"
> "Or clothes," said the girl with the red

"And there are thousands and thousands of shop girls in New York who get only \$6 a week," said one girl. timid little stranger got up and took her old place again across the

"I only get \$5 a week," she said. After the Ice Man. From the Chicago News.

The great astrologer pointed to an ominous group of stars. "They tell me that you will be robbed by a dark man before another moon," whispered the prophet. "Have you any idea who this dark man can 're The domestic man smued sadly. "The coal man, of course," he sighed.

BALLADE OF HEROES. Tarkington's bucks are of courtly stuff; Major's knights, at a pinch, will do; Hopkinson Smith's have a healthy hue; Parker's Canuck very likely drinks; Give me the man with his mind in kinks,

London lands but a truculent crew; A little too much inclined to bluff, Is Harding Davis' civilized Sioux; Hall Caine's sufferers wear their rue With little indifference. Each one Away, and the dazzled reader blinks, When some psychic problem he tackles and tam From mental muddles he never shrinks— Give me the hero of Henry James!

Hope's smart bachelors wittily woo; Weyman's worthies are up to smiff; Conan Doyle's never lack a clew; Give me the hero of Henry Jan

Scan me the field with its clash of clai Then take your choice; as for me, i-jinks! Give me the hero of Henry James!

-Frank P. Smoot in Century.

a delicate and thoughtful mind.

Harriey wrote several times to Sylvia Morgan, both at Boise and at her aunt's home—long, careful letters, in which he strove to confine bimself to the purely Sylvia.

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I think you eight to become Mrs. Plummer now of the Monitor would certainly keeps vatch over Mr. Graycon, and he would certainly keeps vatch over Mr. Graycon, and he would rever he sitate to write the words of warn-dever he felt that they were need.

"Why did you treat him that way?" skeed Harley, when Churchill had gone, "What do you mean by 'that way?" "What do you mean by 'that way?" "What do you mean by 'that way?" "Well, to be plain, why did you make a solor of him?"

"Well, to be plain, why did you make a word to six."

"Well, to be plain, why did you make a word to six."

"Was my help needed?"

"The sudden flush rose to her cheeks at series in the fail of the current of the cheeks at series in which is strove to confine bimself to the purely name whith this strove to confine bimself to the purely name while the strove to confine bimself to the purely name while the strove to confine bimself to the purely name while the strove to confine bimself to the purely name while the strove to confine bimself to the purely name which of one say in which is strove to confine bimself to the purely name which of the strove form and to make these eplstes and not Italy, and between the reigning houses of the strove to confine bimself to the purely name which of one say of the closest and most intimate character, a condition of affairs which continued until about the existing as documents. He spoke of many odd personal details, by the way, and even at the distance of two thousands of miles are no friend y odd many odd personal details, by the way, and even at the distance of two thousands of miles are no friend y odd miles he continued to touch the campa gan, since which time there way in the existing as documents. He spoke of miles are no friend y odd many odd personal details, by the way, and even at the distance of two thousands of miles are no friend y odd miles he continued to touch the campa gan, since which time there are no friend y odd and even at the distance of two

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> was with Japan rather than with Russia during the recent war, though the statu quo in that portion of Europe will pecially in connection with the progress the two nations. In fact, upon Tonkin and Indo-China, Russia tained to the 20-cent dinner to average it up on ac- gratitude for the assistance thus render-"And laundry-well, you'll have to do it itself much more accommodating. yourself in the bathsub. But you will have word, the Franco-Russian alliance, morito keep the landlady from finding that bund for near two years past, is now vir ed by means of the announcement of the

> > Not only Emperor Francis Joseph, but also his nephew and heir-apparent Grandduke Francis Ferdinand, is known to be in favor of the revival of the Three Empire Alliance, in lieu of the Triple Alliance and of the Franco-Russian Alliance. Baron Lexa von d'Aehrenthal, who has just been appointed to succeed Count Goleuchowski as minister of foreign afempire, is a warm friend of Russia, having spent almost his entire life since he attained manhood in St. Petersburg, first as attache, then as secretary of embassy and afterward for many years as ambas sador. A diplomat does not live in a for eign capital for near twenty-five years without becoming, perhaps unconsciously, identified with the prejudices and sympathies of the people around him, and herefore it is only natural that the baron should be a pronounced Russophile. That this circumstance played a role in dic tating his selection for the chancellorship well known, and it is worthy of note been gazetted, he was sent off by his the Czar and his ministers at St. Peters-Buelow at Berlin, before taking up the charged managers, asked the president duties of his new office. It may be of in- this question: "Suppose all the terest to add that he has long been a and managers and employes of the com-Vienna and at Berlin the nomination of ment?"

> > It will be observed that there is no question of Baron Lexa von d'Aehrenthal fol- Fell, and Mr. Peabody answered: between the latter and Austria, at no time very cordial, have become so envenomed policy holders rather than servile ejectioneering tools of the administration. of late, as to lead Emperor Francis Joseph to withhold from King Victor Emmanuel the compliment that he is paying to the rulers of Russia and of Germany. From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. come a meaningless figure of speech, so what is Folk?

powedes. Churchill, the carrish correspondent of the will never do."

In Grayson smiled once more. He cligating of the Grayson, and the Monter, Nev Yorks "gellor" bournal, speals cligating of the Grayson, and the Monter, Nev Yorks "gellor" bournal speals of the Grayson, and the Grayson, and the Grayson, and the Monter, New Yorks "gellor" bournary of quastionated framework in an anagenitic attitude in allying a little on the Grayson, and the work of the Grayson, and the Monter, a political power of the sorter. He was unprigated, too, in the West and a maniformal interest the same guardina to the sorter. Since "phase are do to a start to a control of the guardina to the sorter. Since "phase are do to a start to a control of the guardina to the sorter. He was unprigated, too, in the West and a maniformal interest to the sorter. Since "phase are do to a start to a control of the guardina to a control of th

On the other side we find popular anti-Austrian demonstrations in the various leading cities of Italy, manifestations which take the form of public gathering "Evviva Oberdank!" (A man hanged for attempting to assassinate Francis Joseph in 1882), while in many places Austrian solemnly burnt to cries of "Viva Italia

has apparently determined to accept the very active Italian propaganda is now in proffered hand of the Kaiser, to cut adrift progress, a sister organization of the from France, which declines any longer to Italia Irredenta having been formed in float Russian loans, and to co-operate with William II in reviving the Three-ests and Italian domination in Albania. Empire Alliance which bound Russia, Austria, and Germany together in the days of Alexander II and of old Emperor William Or attention of Italian princes formerly ruled over peror William. On neither side will the Albania. It is this rule that Italy is deseverance of the Franco-Russian union termined to restore, in spite of the an-

On both sides of the Austro-Italian fronself in the conflict, strained to such an extent its obligations of neutrality, esof Admiral Rojestvensky's armada from Times published an article the other day, the Baltic to the China seas, as to almost which has attracted widespread attention. provoke a hostile descent by the Japanese owing to the grave warning which it conment in official circles at Vienna and tween Austria and Italy had not yet been ly the attitude of the French people dur- declared. Under the circumstances, the alliance between Austria and Italy than the extinct union between Russia Then carfare is at least 80 ing the conduct of la haute finance at each.

Paris with that of Berlin, which showed powers, which is now taking place, Russhowed powers, which is now taking place, Rus-In one sia will be found hand in glove with Germany and Austria, while Italy will throw in her fortunes with that other group omposed of France and Great Britain. and in which the United States is generally understood to be comprised.

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Methods Used by Insurance Companies to Defeat Policy Holders, From the Boston Transcript,

A full report of the hearing given to President Peabody, of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York, before the Kentucky insurance commisfairs and de facto chancellor of the dual sioner, October 18, has been published and is being circulated among the policy holders. It is interesting reading. The point that it was sought to determine was whether or not the management of the company held the menace of discharge over all managers and agents who would not unreservedly support the idministration ticket, and also whether the policy holders' money was being used or election purposes. Both these points appeared to be pretty well established hough there was much squirming to make it appear otherwise. It was dent from the admissions of President that as soon as ever his appointment had nothing of more positive testimony, that agents had used time and money for elecovereign to commune, first of all, with tioineering purposes that should have be Czar and his ministers at St. Peterswarm friend of Archduke Francis Ferdi- pany had remained absolutely loyal, and nand, the heir-apparent, who has always actively and positively supported every favored a pro-Russian policy, being bit-terly antagonistic to Italy. Indeed, at holders be able to change the manage-The reply was: "They don't Baron Lexa von d'Aehrenthal is ascribed have to support it, but they can always resign when they don't want to support it." "What influence have they in the company when they resign?" asked Mr lowing up his trips to St. Petersburg and are not intended to have any." That was to Berlin by a visit to Rome. Relations a virtual confession of the coercion that has been practiced upon all managers and agents who have been loyal to the

Missouri Conundrums.

Recent events have convinced him more If Folk is the issue in Missouri, what than ever 1 lat the Triple Alliance has be- is Roosevelt? If Roosevelt is the issue,